

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
JUDGE TIMOTHY P. MALONEY**

IN THE MATTER OF A CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NO. _____

FOR _____, **A MINOR**
(Present Name)

TO _____
(Name Requested)

**ORDER/DECISION
ON AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to Civ. R. 73 (E) (6)
[Local Rule 75.3(B)(3)]**

This matter came before the Court this _____ day of _____, 20____, on the applicant's affidavit and request to publish notice of hearing on the application filed in this case, upon a necessary party in this action whose name, residence or existence is alleged to be unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

☐ The Court finds such affidavit and request to be well taken and therefore **ORDERS** that notice of hearing on the application to change the name of the above named minor be served upon _____
(Name if known)
by publication once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within Mahoning County, Ohio, pursuant to Civ. R. 73 (E)(6), the final publication of which shall appear at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. Costs of such notice shall be paid by the applicant.

☐ The Court finds that such affidavit and request to be lacking with respect to evidence of the applicant's/affiant's exercise of reasonable diligence in his or her efforts to obtain information to ascertain the name, usual place of residence or existence of the person to be served. The Court therefore **DENIES** the within request for service of notice of hearing on the subject application by publication pursuant to Civ. R. 73(E)(6).

The Clerk is instructed to serve a copy of the foregoing ORDER/DECISION upon the applicant in this matter and upon counsel of record, if applicable, by ordinary U.S. Mail and shall record the fact of such service upon the docket of this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

Judge/Magistrate